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AWARDS

Governor's Teaching Fellow
Institute of Higher Education
University of Georgia

Mellon Fellow
Writing Across the Curriculum
Hollins University

Most Accessible Professor
Arts & Sciences Council
Washington U. in St. Louis

Outstanding Faculty Leader
Justin X. Carroll Honorary
Washington U. in St. Louis

Outstanding Faculty Mentor
Association of Latin American Students
Washington U. in St. Louis

Ethic of Service Award
Community Service Office
Washington U. in St. Louis

Award for Teaching Excellence
College of Arts & Sciences
Washington U. in St. Louis

LANGUAGES

English
Native — Written and Oral

Spanish
Proficient — Written and Oral

NICHOLAS E. MILLER

EDUCATOR. WRITER. DESIGNER.

I am a dynamic educator who specializes in teaching literature, writing, and cultural studies. I am also a media studies scholar who uses comics and popular culture to promote information literacy and develop multimodal writing skills. Having worked in higher education for years, I remain passionate about reinventing myself as a teacher—particularly when it comes to social justice pedagogy and curriculum design. My commitment to community building and service efforts outside the classroom keeps me attentive to best practices in experiential education, and my background in design informs my work toward accessible and inclusive pedagogy.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. December 2014	●	Washington University in St. Louis English and American Literature
M.A. December 2008	●	Washington University in St. Louis English and American Literature
B.A. December 2006	●	Michigan State University English Languages and Literatures

EXPERIENCE

Valdosta State University 2018–present	●	Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in both American and world literature. Courses included first-year seminars and upper-level electives.
Hollins University 2016–2018	●	Taught undergraduate courses in both American and British literature. Also taught interdisciplinary electives in comics and social media literacies.
Washington U. in St. Louis 2010–2016	●	Taught undergraduate courses in literature, writing, and cultural studies. Helped to develop interdisciplinary seminars for first-year students.

DEVELOPMENT

Learning Communities	●	Facilitated learning communities on first-year seminars, inclusive pedagogy, and blended learning.
Teaching Conferences	●	Presented on teaching visual rhetoric, using social annotation platforms, and implementing accessible design.
Workshops and Seminars	●	Trained in assessment, transparency in teaching and learning, equity and inclusion, and high-impact practices.

SKILLS

Google Classroom

Including associated apps and products.

Microsoft Office

Including associated apps and products.

Adobe Creative Cloud

Acrobat, After Effects, Audition, InDesign, Photoshop, and Premiere Pro.

Learning Management

Blackboard, Canvas, D2L Brightspace, Infinite Campus, and Moodle.

Educational Technologies

Edmodo, Flipgrid, Gimkit, Kahoot!, Nearpod, Perusall, PowToon, Remind, Quizlet, and Wiki Education.

Video Conferencing

Blackboard Collaborate, Discord, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, and Zoom.

INTERESTS



Comics Conventions

I collect autographs and art.



Shooting Hoops

Not much defense these days.



Making Spotify Playlists

With clever titles, of course.



Eating Ice Cream

Ben and Jerry are my heroes.

*“Reading is not walking
on the words; it’s grasping
the soul of them.”*

Paulo Freire

INNOVATIONS

Multicultural Literacy

Developed new courses that increased student exposure to African American, Latinx, and Native American writings.

Multimodal Writing

Built multimodal and public-facing assignments that invited students to create Wikipedia entries, podcasts, etc.

Visual Rhetoric and Pop Culture

Brought comics, television, film, zines, and memes into the classroom to teach visual analysis and literacy.

Digital Media Literacy

Facilitated projects that used social annotation, social media, and current events to build media literacy skills.

LEADERSHIP

- **Advising.** Served as primary advisor to extracurricular student organizations such as Relay for Life and Comic Book Club. Worked closely with dual-enrollment students on college and scholarship applications. Advised both undergraduate and graduate thesis projects in literature, creative writing, and cultural studies.
- **Mentorship.** Developed leadership courses for gifted middle school students in St. Louis. Collaborated with residential life leaders to provide mentorship for first-year students living on campus.
- **Equity and Inclusion.** Served on task force to create the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at Washington U. in St. Louis. Spoke at local high schools on representation in popular culture. Presented at public events for Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month.
- **College Preparation.** Organized workshops on navigating college for first-year students in the College Assistance Migrant Program. Served as an advisor and a faculty mentor to the Annika Rodriguez Scholars Program, where I worked primarily with BIPOC students.
- **Community Service.** Organized annual service projects to winterize low-income homes in St. Louis. Developed annual back-to-school fair for immigrant and refugee communities in St. Louis. Helped to plan and volunteered at the annual South Georgia Pride Festival.

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